

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of Planning and Building gives notice that a Public Hearing will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023** to allow Council to receive public input on Bylaw No. 3891 which proposes to amend "Zoning Bylaw 1997," No. 2950. As authorized by the *Local Government Act*, this hearing will be conducted by electronic means and members of the public will be provided an opportunity to be heard verbally or by submitting their comments in writing in advance of the hearing. This hearing will be conducted by video conference using the Cisco Webex platform, and though electronic, is open to the public and anyone wishing to participate may do so in person by attending Council Chambers, or by joining the meeting using a computer, smartphone or tablet. If you wish to participate electronically, please visit www.northcowichan.ca/virtualmeeting for instructions on how you can join this hearing and find the link to join. You may also view the hearing as it is streamed live by going to www.northcowichan.ca/Agendas, and click on the 'View Live Stream' link. A copy of the recording will be made available after the hearing on North Cowichan's website for on-demand viewing.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Retaining Walls & Fences), No. 3891, 2022 proposes to amend Zoning Bylaw 1997, No. 2950 by amending:

- Part 3, Section 12 [Definitions] the definitions "fence", "retaining wall" and "structure", and by adding a new definition "guardrail".
- Part 4, Section 37 [Fences] renaming the title from "Fences" to "Fences & Retaining Walls"; removing subsections "(1)" and "(2)"; and adding new sections "37.1 Fences" and "37.2 Retaining Walls".
- "Conditions of Use" in all Zones to delete fence height restrictions and articulate them instead for each zone in a table within the new section 37.1.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amalgamate fence regulations into one table and to introduce new retaining wall regulations.

PUBLIC INPUT

If you believe your interests in land will be affected by the proposed bylaw, you are encouraged to submit your comments in writing to Mayor and Council by **1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023**, using any of the writing methods identified below. Comments may also be shared verbally during the Public Hearing, by following the instructions provided below.

1. In Writing in Advance of the Public Hearing:

Written submissions will be accepted by:

- Email to publicmeetings@northcowichan.ca
- Mail to Mayor and Council, Municipality of North Cowichan, 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan BC, V9L 6A1
- Fax to 250-746-3133
- In-Person deposited through the mail slot at the Municipal Hall, Main Entrance

2. Verbally or in Writing at the Public Hearing:

- In Person by attending Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan BC
- Virtually by logging in electronically, details and instructions will be available at least one week prior to the Hearing at www.northcowichan.ca/PublicHearings and at our automated Public Hearing Info Line: 250-746-3264.
- Written submissions may be submitted during the Public Hearing by presentation to the Corporate Officer or her designate.

PLEASE NOTE: Submissions should reference the bylaw number and include your name and the civic address or legal description of the land affected by the proposal. Please be advised that all submissions, including the individual's name and address will form part of the public record and will be published on North Cowichan's website. Do not include any personal information in your submission that you do not wish to be disclosed, as submissions received are public documents and will not be redacted (with the exception of email addresses on electronic submissions, phone numbers and signatures). Written submissions will not be accepted after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Copies of the bylaw and related documents, including public comments received in writing, will be available to inspect online at www.northcowichan.ca/PublicHearings until the close of the Public Hearing. The documents may also be inspected in the Planning Department at the Municipal Hall, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) between **8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** beginning **January 3, 2023** until close of business on **January 18, 2023**.

Rob Conway, Director of Planning and Building

Personal information is collected by North Cowichan under the authority of s. 26 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of administering the Public Hearing.

Please direct any questions about personal information to North Cowichan's Privacy Officer by

Phone: 250-746-3116, Email: privacy@northcowichan.ca or Regular Mail: 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan, BC, V9L 6A1